



GRADING BYLAWS

42.3 Grading of Players

- (1) Where multiple teams are available within an age group, the following grading rules shall be applied-
 - (a) Non Competitive (U6 – 10) –
 - (i) equal balance of skills across all teams
 - (ii) Sibling alignment, allow for siblings to match divisions/locations
 - (b) Competitive (U11 – 17) – based on skill selection for grade

- (2) Team Review Sub-Committee

A Team Review Sub-Committee consisting of the Registrar, President, Vice Presidents and the Coaching Co-ordinator will implement the Sub-Committee duties under this clause.

- (3) U6 – U10 Forming of Players into Teams.

Players will be viewed from the start of Preseason Clinics to Muster Night. Registration of players up to Muster Night will not be limited by number.

During this period the Sub-Committee will meet, and based on registration numbers and a legitimate forecast of player numbers up to Muster Night (end of period), will decide on the number of teams at each age group.

The number of teams, the overall maximum aggregate number of players and the number of actual current registered players in each age group will be broadcast to all players and players' parents/guardians.

Coaching staff will be appointed for each team. The Sub-Committee, in consultation with coaches, will decide the team lists.

Player numbers for each team will be limited to a maximum of:

- (a) U6 – U8 age group - 13 players
- (b) U9 age group – 17 players
- (c) U10 – 20 players

Sibling alignment will be considered first and foremost for those players in the U6-U9 age groups prior to team allocation. A parental/guardian request the club may alter this arrangement so long as all parties are happy. "Green" will be the first sibling aligned team within the club and if required "Blue" will be the next.

Where numbers of registered players exceeds the maximum number of players for nominated teams at that age group, the Sub-Committee will review and recommend team lists. These team lists will then be

ratified by the Management Committee. The players that are not selected will be informed of their options.

The club has a duty of care to ensure that players do not play in situations that exceed their skills and ability from a safety perspective, the Sub-Committee will consider feedback from coaches, review and make recommendations to the Management Committee. Players in this situation will be informed of their options.

Options for players that are not selected in teams will be discussed with players and parent/guardians, in a meeting with the Sub-Committee, offered within 1 week of the end of the grading period. Options that the club can offer may be limited by the circumstances.

The teams will be announced at/or near Muster Night.

After Muster Night, further registrations will only be allowed in the following circumstances:

- (a) Where in each of the nominated teams, the player numbers does not already meet maximum playing numbers; and
- (b) Where nominating player shall /or are likely to meet, by round 1 of the season with appropriate coaching, the skills required for the forecast team/s grade from an individual player safety duty of care perspective; or
- (c) Under extenuating circumstances, recommended by the Sub-Committee, at the discretion and approval of the Management Committee.

(4) U11 and above – Grading of Players into Teams.

A grading period will be announced, with the grading period running from Muster Night and ending at/ or prior to the end of the trial competition rounds. Registration of players prior to the grading period start will not be limited by number.

Prior to the grading period the Sub-Committee will meet, and based on registration numbers and a legitimate forecast of player numbers up to Muster Night (start of grading), will decide on the number of teams at each age group.

The number of teams, the overall maximum aggregate number of players and the number of actual current registered players in each age group will be broadcast to all players and players' parents/guardians.

An age group does not require grading in the situation where players fit precisely into one team, then the team will be announced at/or near Muster Night.

Where the numbers of registered players is less than the maximum number of players for nominated teams at that age group, players may choose not to be graded in the selection process and will be treated in accordance with the clubs grading process (ie. they will be placed in the lower division team).

Where numbers of registered players exceeds the maximum number of players for nominated teams at that age group, grading will be mandatory for all players, this information will be broadcast to all players and players' parents/guardians. Where players do not attend grading in

mandatory circumstances they will not be selected in teams, the Sub-Committee will consider extenuating absentee circumstances and make recommendations to the Management Committee.

Coaching staff will be appointed for each team. The selectors, following the clubs grading process, will select players for each of these teams.

Player numbers for each team will be limited to a maximum of:

- (a) U11 age groups – 20 players
- (b) U12 and above age groups – 23 players

Where numbers of registered players exceeds the maximum number of players for nominated teams at that age group, the Sub-Committee considering the grading selections shall recommend team lists. These team lists will then be ratified by the Management Committee. The players that are not selected will be informed of their options.

The club has a duty of care to ensure that players do not play in situations that exceed their skills and ability from a safety perspective, the Sub-Committee will consider feedback from coaches, review and make recommendations to the Management Committee. Players in this situation will be informed of their options.

Options for players that are not selected in teams will be discussed with players and parent/guardians, in a meeting with a Sub-Committee, offered within 1 week of the end of the grading period. Options that the club can offer may be limited by the circumstances.

After the grading period starts, further registrations will only be allowed in the following circumstances:

- (a) Where in each of the nominated teams, the player numbers does not already meet maximum playing numbers; and
 - (b) Where nominating player shall /or are likely to meet, by round 1 of the season with appropriate coaching, the skills required for the forecast team/s grade from an individual player safety duty of care perspective; and
 - (c) Where nominating players are not over filling any specific playing position; or
 - (d) Where teams during/after grading require specific playing positions to be filled for team viability; or
 - (e) Under extenuating circumstances, recommended by the Sub-Committee, at the discretion and approval of the Management Committee.
- (5) Information Broadcasts through this process will be via:
- (a) Email to the email address nominated during the registration process.
 - (b) Posted on Club Social Media (ie. Team App, Club Website).

42.4 Grading Disputes

In the event of a grading selection, the selection powers will primarily rest with the nominated (all) coaches of the age group requiring multiple teams. The coaching co-ordinator will act as an arbitrator of disputes between either coaches or members with his/her decision deemed final. Any further appeals must be made in writing addressed to the Secretary of the “Club” stating reason of dispute and with cause for reinstatement or alteration to the select policies of the “Club”.